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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE BRITISH ARMS SALES TO SOMALIA

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1. ANDERSON, DUS/PMS, PROCUREMENT EXECUTIVE, CALLED POL-MIL ATTACHE IN TO DISCUSS SOMALI ARMS REQUIREMENTS. ADMONISHING US TO HOLD INFORMATION TIGHTLY, HE TOLD US THAT SOMALI ARMS PURCHASE DELEGATION IS STILL HANGING AROUND TOWN AWAITING MINISTERIAL DECISION TO RELEASE PRICE, AVAILABILITY AND DELIVERY DATA.

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2. ON A CONFIDENTIAL BASIS, ANDERSON TICKED OFF THE FOLLOWING:

ITEM	QUANTITY	DELIVERY FROM ORDER DATE
AUTOMATIC RIFLES	72 K	ONE MONTH
AMMO FOR ABOVE	32 M ROUNDS	TO MATCH RIFLES
MACHINE GUNS	1,200	EIGHT MONTHS
AMMO FOR ABOVE	30 M ROUNDS	TO MATCH GUNS
81 MM MORTARS	140	TWO MONTHS WITH COMPLETION ONE YEAR
AMMO FOR ABOVE	150 K ROUNDS	TO MATCH MORTARS
84 MM ANTI-TANK GUNS	10	MARCH 1978
AMMO FOR ABOVE	4 K ROUNDS	TO MATCH GUNS
SNIPER RIFLES	1,000	COMMENCING 6 MONTHS AT 100 PER MONTH
AMMO FOR ABOVE	UNKNOWN	TO MATCH RIFLES
AP L2A2 HAND GRENADES	15 K	WITHIN TWO YEARS
AP NO. 36 HAND GRENADES	100 K	COMMENCING SIX MONTHS, COMPLETION NINE MONTHS
ANTI-PERSONNEL MINES	100 K	TWO MONTHS

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ANTI-TANK MINES	100 K	TWO MONTHS
LIGHT GUNS	48	EIGHTEEN MONTHS
AMMO FOR ABOVE	UNKNOWN	TO MATCH GUNS

ADDITIONALLY, BRITISH RECKON THEY CAN OBTAIN AN EXTRA TEN THOUSAND AUTOMATIC RIFLES FOR DELIVERY TO SOMALIA IN OCTOBER FROM FRENCH SOURCES.

3. ANDERSON EMPHASIZED THAT ABOVE INFORMATION HAS NOT YET BEEN PROVIDED TO SOMALI DELEGATION AND WILL NOT BE UNTIL MINISTERIAL GREEN LIGHT HAS BEEN GIVEN. HE INDICATED MOD IS HOPEFUL IT CAN PROCEED WITH SOMALIS SHORTLY, BUT HE OPINED THAT SITUATION IN OGADEN ALMOST CERTAINLY IS MAKING IT DIFFICULT FOR MINISTERS TO GIVE A GO-AHEAD.

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NOTE BY OC/T: NOT PASSED ABOVE ADDRESSEES.

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